

**Information Page — Fax Application for Copy of Marriage Certificate**

**General Instructions**

- **Do not** use this application to submit your request *by mail*.
- Use this application if you are the bride or groom named on the marriage certificate.
- If you are **not** the bride or groom named on the marriage certificate, then you must submit with this application a copy of documentation establishing a judicial or other proper purpose (see below).
- Use this application only if the marriage license was obtained in New York State *outside* of New York City. **Do not** use this application if the marriage license was obtained in any of the five (5) boroughs of New York City.
- **Do not** use this application for *genealogy requests*.
- **Use only your own credit card:** The applicant's address, i.e., the place where the certificate copy will be mailed, *must* match the address on file with the credit card company.
- Print a copy of this application, complete and sign.
- **Fax** application along with a copy of any required documentation to **1-877-854-4607**.  
If you must verify receipt of the fax, please call VitalChek at 1-877-854-4481.

**What is a judicial or other proper purpose?**

- If the applicant is not the bride or groom, a judicial or other proper purpose must be documented. An example of a judicial or other proper purpose would be a marriage record needed by the applicant to claim a benefit.
- Documentation would consist of a copy of a court order or an official letter verifying that a copy of the requested marriage record is required from the applicant in order to process a claim.

**Identification Requirements -- Application *must* be submitted with copies of either A or B:**

**Note:** Copy of Passport required if request is made from a foreign country that requires a U.S. Passport for travel.

A. One (1) of the following forms of valid photo-ID:

- Driver license
- Non-Driver Photo-ID Card
- Passport
- Other government issued photo-ID

B. Two (2) of the following showing the applicant's name and address:

- Utility or telephone bills
- Letter from a government agency dated within the last six months

**Fees:** If no record is on file, a **No Record Certification** is issued and the fee is **not** refunded.

- **Priority Handling:** Faxed requests are given priority handling. The \$45.00 per copy fee includes a \$15.00 priority handling fee. The \$11.95 VitalChek processing fee and the optional \$13.00 FedEx return delivery fee are per transaction.
- **Example:** The fee is \$45.00 per copy + \$11.95 VitalChek processing fee + \$13.00 Federal Express return delivery (optional) – Total for one (1) copy is \$69.95; Total for two (2) copies is \$114.95; etc.

**Note:** The FedEx fee for USA mainland delivery is \$13.00. Call VitalChek at 1-877-854-4481 for rates to other destinations.

**Processing Time**

For the latest information on processing times, please visit our web page at  
[www.nyhealth.gov/vital\\_records/processingtime.htm](http://www.nyhealth.gov/vital_records/processingtime.htm)

**Completing the Form**


- If you are using Adobe Reader® 5.0 or newer (available as a free download from [www.adobe.com](http://www.adobe.com)) you can fill in the form directly in Adobe Reader by clicking on the appropriate space and entering the information (use the TAB key to move to the next field, shift-TAB to move backwards). Print the completed form and sign.
- You can print out a blank copy of the form and then **type or print** the required information.
- You must give credit card information and it must be **your own card**.
- The form must be **signed** and faxed along with a copy of the documentation of a lawful right or claim, if required (see above).

**Please complete, sign and fax with required ID (see instructions) to 1-877-854-4607**

You may enter the required information directly into this PDF document (see instruction sheet for details) and print out a copy ready for signature, or print out a blank copy and **print or type** the required information before signing.

Name of Groom (as recorded on marriage license):  <i>First Middle Last</i>		Groom's Date of Birth: (or age at time of marriage)  <i>(mm / dd / yyyy)</i>
Name of Bride (as recorded on marriage license):  <i>First Middle Maiden Last</i>		Bride's Date of Birth: (or age at time of marriage)  <i>(mm / dd / yyyy)</i>
If Bride Was Previously Married, State Name Used at that Time:  <i>First Middle Last</i>		Marriage Certificate No.: (if known)
Residence of Groom:  <i>County State</i>	Place Where License Was Issued:  <i>Town or City County</i>	Local Registration No.: (if known)
Residence of Bride:  <i>County State</i>	Place Where Marriage Was Performed:  <i>Town or City County</i>	Date of Marriage or Period Covered by Search:  <i>Married on or Search from: (mm / dd / yyyy)</i>  <i>Search to: (if searching period) (mm / dd / yyyy)</i>
Purpose for which record is required:	In what capacity are you acting?:	
What is your relationship to person whose record is required? (If self, state "SELF".)	If attorney, give name and relationship of your client to person whose record is required:	

**Submit documentation of a judicial or other proper purpose, if you are not the bride or groom.**

Signature of Applicant:  	Date Signed: Month Day Year <table border="1"><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr></table>				Credit Card & Payment Information:
Type of card: _____ Exp. Date: _____					
Address of Applicant:  <i>(Applicant's Name)</i>  <i>(Street)</i>  <i>(City) (State) (Zip)</i> Telephone No.: ( ) _____	Credit Card No.: _____				
	Priority Handling: \$45.00 x _____ Copies = \$ _____				
	VitalChek Fee = \$ _____				
	Federal Express = \$ _____ *(Optional)				
	Total = \$ _____				
*Add \$13.00 for Federal Express delivery within USA mainland. Call VitalChek at 1-877-854-4481 for rates to other destinations.					